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PATENT APPLICATION

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Title: **TIGHTLY-COUPLED DISK-TO-CPU STORAGE SERVER**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claim 1.

Please add NEW claims 2-18 as follows:

—2. (newly added) A scalable server, comprising:

at least two storage servers, each of said storage servers comprising:

a plurality of server modules, each of said server modules containing a processor and a buffer coupled to a respective storage device;

a cross bar switch coupled to said plurality of server modules, said server modules accepting data requests from a plurality of clients;

each of said server modules issuing data retrieval commands only to the respective storage device; and

at least one data communications path coupled between the respective cross bar switches of each storage server, where any of said cross bar switches is capable